

Dear Authorized Representative and Food Service Director:

NEW-REVISED USDA SP25-2013 PLE TOOL for FY14 The error below was identified in the PLE Tool sent on Feb. 22, 2013 and it is now corrected. If the SFA has completed the PLE Tool you will need to do it again using the attached revised PLE Tool. [Contact your area consultant for assistance.](#)

ERROR:

- On the **SY2013-2014 Report tab**, in box **G 13** (*Optional Price ROUNDED DOWN to the nearest 5 cents*) the formula says: **G12>2.51**, G12, FLOOR (G12, 0.05)),2). The box should be updated to new amount of **G12>2.59**.

Your PLE Tool for FY14 will be attached to the FY14 SFA Application on the CNP 2000 system during the annual application process in June.

NEW: SP 28-2013 - Questions & Answers on the School Breakfast Program Meal Pattern in School Year 2013-14

Attached are Questions & Answers (QAs) on the final rule to update the meal patterns and nutrition requirements for meals offered under the School Breakfast Program (SBP), as required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. As the breakfast meal pattern requirements are being phased-in over multiple years, this memorandum also provides a brief overview of the breakfast meal pattern for School Year (SY) 2013-14 *only*.

Please refer to Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) memorandum SP 10-2012 (<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Policy-Memos/2012/SP10-2012ar6.pdf>) for QAs specifically related to the National School Lunch Program meal pattern, or general questions applicable to both breakfast and lunch.

NEW: School Garden Mini-Grants:

Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship is offering 25 school garden mini-grants, as a part of their “A Garden is the Way to Grow” initiative. The mini-grant opportunity will include a wheel barrow, garden tools, a reflective garden sign and \$150 to start or expand a school garden. A mini-grant form is attached. **To be considered, schools must submit the form by Wednesday, April 3rd, 2013.** For more information, contact Tammy Stotts at tammy.stotts@iowaagriculture.gov.

NEW: School Garden Webinar: Wednesday, March 27th from 3:30-4:30pm

Food Corps will be partnering with the Iowa Team Nutrition Program to hold a webinar about school gardens. Information will be shared on how to start a school garden, garden team recruitment, funding opportunities, school garden curriculum, and an update on regulations related to school gardens. The webinar will be held on Wednesday, March 27th from 3:30-4:30pm. A flyer is attached, please forward to others in your district. To register visit:

http://www.educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com_eventbooking&task=view_event&vent_id=1689&Itemid=2716.

NEW: Do you Want to Become a HealthierUS School Challenge School?

Once your school is certified for the 6 cents reimbursement for school meals you are on the right track to become a HealthierUS School Challenge school! The HUSSC award brings national recognition for your school's wellness efforts and showcases the great work your district is doing. Team Nutrition is partnering with ISU Extension and Outreach to provide four regional half-day computer lab trainings (Ottumwa, Pocahontas, Cedar Rapids, and Atlantic) being held in the spring for schools ready to submit a HUSSC application. Participants will bring their school menus and other documentation to the workshop and begin completing the online HUSSC application. Technical assistance will be provided. Mileage reimbursement will be available through a partnership with Iowa Department of Public Health. Space is limited – register today! Flyer is attached. For more information, contact Patti Delger, patti.delger@iowa.gov.

NEW: Direct Certification

As many of you have noticed, our Direct Certification lists are not always posted on the 10th and 25th of the month. Please be patient we have encountered some computer problems. If it is not posted the first time you look, please check back frequently.

NEW: Food Safety Inspection Requirement

As a reminder, the Reauthorization of the USDA Child Nutrition Programs in 2004 included a requirement that schools and RCCI's receive two Food Safety Inspections each program year. Now is an appropriate time for SFA's to review the inspections status of each of the sites participating in the School Meal Programs.

How and When to Report:

The food safety/health inspections are reported via the CNP 2000 web based system at: <https://www.edinfo.state.ia.us/CNP/frameManager.asp> On the green navigation bar select "Health Inspections". On the next screen, click on "Health Inspection," click on Program year 2013, click on "select," and complete the report. **The number of food safety/health inspections that each school/site had must be reported by June 15, 2013.** Please review the attachment for additional information. Questions may be directed to your area consultant or Diana Weber, Consultant, at 515-281-5663 or Diana.weber@iowa.gov.

Sincerely,
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